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FOR SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT PASS AMBASSADOR SCHAUFLELE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S AFRICAN TRIP

REF: STATE 224418

1. I PRESENTED POINTS REFTEL TO PRESIDENT NYERERE MID-DAY
SEPTEMBER 11.
2. HE RESPONDED THAT HE WOULD BE OFF TO WEST AFRICAN SEPTEMBER
17, RETURNING TO DAR ES SALAAM SEPTEMBER 20. NYERERE SAID HE
RECOGNIZED THAT HE WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE PRESIDENTS' GROUP AND,
IF THE SECRETARY THINKS HE HAS SOMETHING NEW AND WORTHWHILE AFTER
VISITING PRETORIA, HE WOULD BE HAPPY SEE HIM AGAIN IN DAR ES
SALAAM SEPTEMBER 21 OR 22. PERHAPS SECRETARY COULD ALSO DROP
IN ON PRESIDENT KAUNDA, AND IF SECRETARY COULDN'T GET TO DAR
ES SALAAM, KAUNDA WOULD PASS ON MESSAGE. IF THERE WAS SOMETHING
TO WORK ON, NYERERE COULD THEN CALL ANOTHER MEETING OF HIS
COLLEAGUES AND LIBERATION LEADERS.

3. WHEN I PRESSED AGAIN ON IMPORTANCE OF SECRETARY'S HAVING
PRECISE PEOPLE, TIMES, AND PLACES TO DEAL WITH TO CONCLUDE
NEGOTIATIONS, HE SAID WORDS LIKE "CONCLUDE" FRIGHTENED HIM.
AS FAR AS NAMIBIANS' AND RHODESIANS' STANDING BY IS CONCERNED,
HE CAN ALWAYS GET THEM TOGETHER TO PRESENT THINGS FOR THEIR

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CONSIDERATION BUT, OF COURSE, HE CAN'T FORCE ANYTHING ON THEM.

HE CLOSED OFF SUBJECT BY SAYING HE AND SECRETARY WOULD TALK FURTHER ABOUT IT WHEN SECRETARY WAS HERE SEPTEMBER 15.

4. COMMENT: I HAD STRONG IMPRESSION NYERERE'S RESPONSE WAS THOUGHT OUT IN ADVANCE. I HAD MANAGED TO GET QUESTIONS TO HIM LAST NIGHT AND WAS TOLD EXPECT RESPONSE FIRST THING IN MORNING. INSTEAD, MEETING WAS DELAYED UNTIL NOON, GIVING HIM AMPLE TIME CONSULT WITH KAUNDA (THOUGH HE GAVE NO INDICATION HAVING DONE SO). UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, DO NOT BELIEVE I COULD HAVE ACCOMPLISHED ANYTHING BY PRESSING STILL HARDER. END COMMENT.

5. NYERERE THEN SAID HE WOULD TELL ME SOMETHING HE PROBABLY SHOULDN'T AT THIS POINT. HE HAD JUST ASKED UK HIGH COMMISSIONER HERE TO TRY OUT ON PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN THE IDEA OF THE UK'S RESUMING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES AND MOVING NOW TO CONVENE A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE IN LONDON, INVITING ALL RHODESIAN ELEMENTS, AND, IF SMITH DIDN'T COME, TO GO AHEAD WITHOUT HIM. HE WAS ASKING CALLAGHAN, IF THE LATTER SAW ANY MERIT IN THE IDEA, TO TALK TO SECRETARY KISSINGER ABOUT IT.

6. NYERERE ADDED THAT HE HAD ASKED UK TO DO THIS IN APRIL 1975 BUT THEY HAD NOT. IN NOVEMBER 1975, WHEN THEY RAISED SUBJECT, HE HAD TOLD THEM IT WAS TOO LATE. HE HAD SAID SAME THING TO ROWLANDS WHEN SUBJECT CAME UP HERE TWO WEEKS AGO. BUT HE HAD BEEN THINKING IT OVER AND CONCLUDED MAYBE THE IDEA SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AGAIN, ESPECIALLY NOW WHEN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE HAD BROUGHT AN IMPORTANT NEW ELEMENT INTO THE SITUATION. THE ADVANTAGE, NYERERE SAID, WOULD BE THAT CONFERENCE WOULD GET ALL AFRICANS TOGETHER AND GIVE THEM CHANCE TO WORK OUT WHAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO. THUS, WHEN WE ALL TURNED TOGETHER TO KNOCK SMITH OUT, WE WOULD KNOW WHAT WE WERE GOING TO REPLACE HIM WITH. NYERERE SAID HE'D BE INTERESTED TO SEE WHAT CALLAGHAN'S REACTION WOULD BE.

7. MEETING ENDED WITH DISCUSSION OF PLANS FOR SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER 14-15 VISIT. NYERERE SUGGESTED BEGIN SEPTEMBER 15 MORNING AT STATE HOUSE WITH PRIVATE MEETING, THEN EXPAND TO LARGER GROUP (BECAUSE HE STILL WANTS HIS ADVISERS TO GET TO KNOW SECRETARY AND HIS ADVISERS), AND GO ON TO INFORMAL LUNCH TOGETHER WITH ADVISERS. HE AND SECRETARY COULD THEN MEET AGAIN

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